

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to FORCE  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation  
and the creeping  
abuse of public  
trust.

Local stations  
should be focused on  
covering the local  
community, not  
airing canned pieces  
from "News Central"  
far away. Sinclair  
uses the public  
airwaves free of  
charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.